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**RESOLUTION**  
**HONORING THE BRAVERY, SACRIFICE, AND HEROISM**  
**OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM UNDER JOINT TASK FORCE (JTF)**  
**MARAWI COMPOSED OF UNITS FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINES (AFP), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AND THE**  
**PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG)**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "*the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy*";

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution declares that "*the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory*";

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6975 established the Philippine National Police to maintain peace and order and take all necessary steps to ensure public safety;

**WHEREAS**, exactly one year today, on May 23, 2017, members of Islamic State-inspired Maute group clashed with government forces and raised a black flag with an ISIS logo in front of the Amai Pakpak Hospital which urged President Rodrigo Duterte to place the entire Mindanao under martial law through Proclamation No. 216;

**WHEREAS**, terrorism knows no boundaries as it can thrive anywhere across the globe. The Marawi crisis tested the capabilities and willpower of army leaders and personnel and set a new trajectory for how the Army will overcome terrorism in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2017 or 148 days later, Marawi City was liberated leaving 165 troops killed and 1,767 others wounded;

**WHEREAS**, about 39 civilians were killed in the Battle and about 1,723 civilians were rescued;

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Marawi was peculiar because it was the first urban warfare fought on Philippine soil. It involved the putting up of a combined security force coming from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Coast Guard under the Command of Joint Task Force Marawi;

**WHEREAS**, it is but fitting that at this anniversary we remember our brave soldiers for their heroic task that prevented the takeover by hostile forces of a part of Philippine territory;

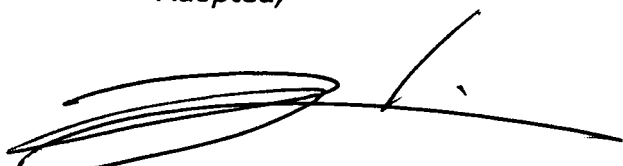
**WHEREAS**, it is time to review the past so that we can learn from the lessons of the past so that we can be better prepared for the future;

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Gen. Rolly Bautista said that, *"it is imperative to document our trials, failures, lessons learned, and the success of the Philippine Army in the Battle of Marawi which led to the eventual neutralization of the ISIS-Maute Terrorist Group in order to prevent a similar incident from happening in the future"*;

**WHEREAS**, the supreme sacrifice of our fallen soldiers and police officers in order to fulfill their duty to defend and protect the country from terrorists should not be forgotten and deserves the highest commendation; *Now therefore be it*

*Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved*, honoring the bravery, sacrifice, and heroism of the men and women in uniform under Joint Task Force (JTF) Marawi composed of units from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

*Adopted,*



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